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March 25, 1983

The Honorable William J. Casey Director Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

We are planning a conference in our Executive Leadership Forum Series on THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIAL BASE, April 19-21, 1983, to be held here in Washington, D. C. at Brookings for a mixed group of approximately 35 senior business and government executives.

Will you speak to the group, informally and off-the-record, sometime during the Forum on your perspectives of this problem, such as: INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY AND INDUSTRIAL STRENGTH (suggested topic, subject to your modification) at a Breakfast Meeting, Wednesday morning, 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. at the Brookings Institution in Room 106,--this would be a panel with Congressman Lee Hamilton. Our participants, and many of our staff here at Brookings, are concerned about the capacity of our industry to support defense requirements.

Your views would be of great value to the group, and we would very much appreciate your assistance with this educational program, if your busy schedule permits. If there is a conflict for you with this date, perhaps there is another period that would be more convenient for you. If you are unable to come, would one of your senior executives be available to help in this or another session? Your agency has been so helpful with some of our other educational activities that I should probably not be asking for your kind assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Senior Staff Forum Chairman (202) 797-6279

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